area in the country was earlier estimated as 25 million ha. The maximum area affected in any one of the years is assumed to be the area liable to floods in the States. Since additional areas, not hitherto considered as liable to floods were affected subsequently, the Rashtriya Barh Ayog in 1980 assessed the area liable to floods as about 40 million ha.

(e) The States have been implementing a number of structural measures like embankments, drainage channels, town protection works raising of villages, etc., which have provided reasonable degree of protection to an area of about 13 million ha. Up to March, 1985. Besides, the construction of various reservoirs has also helped to moderate the floods by their regulation. In addition, the Central Water Commission has established a network of 145 Flood Forecasting Stations in various inter-State flood-prone rivers for providing advance warnings of impending floods to minimise the loss of life and moveable properties.

National Welfare Fund for Fishermen

82. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan allocations for National Welfare Fund for fishermen

(b) whether the Sixth Five Year Plan allocation has been fully utilised;

(c) whether the funds for the Seventh Five Year Plan are likely to be spent through State Governments or through voluntary agencies or both; and

(d) what are the guidelines for implementing the schemes through voluntary agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan allocations for National Welfare Fund for the fishermen are Rs. 39.50 lakhs and Rs. 500 lakhs respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The funds available with the Society which is in charge of the National Welfare Fund would be disbursed during VII FiveYear Plan period throught the State Governments who are free to associate voluntary agencies for implementing the schemes.

Programmes for PADI

83. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the programmes in the Seventh Plan for Peoples action Development India (PADI) ;

(b) whether Government have provided any allocation in the Seventh Five Year Plan besides the contribution from foreing agncenies; and

(c) the names of the foreign agencies and organisations which have provided funds for major projects during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) During the Seventh Plan period, PADI is assisting and guiding the voluntary agencies for implementing projects for organising the poor generating self employment and wage employment, provision of safe drinking water, improvement of sanitation etc., in the rural areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following foreign agencies and organisations have provided